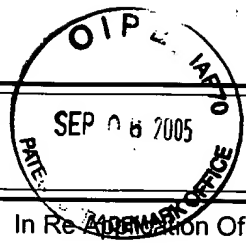


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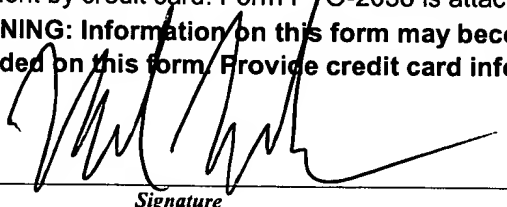
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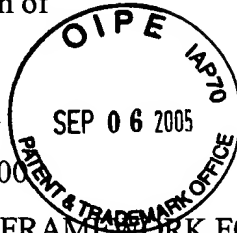
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Sir:

In response to the requirement for information mailed July 15, 2005, attached are copies of the following documents which are identified on page 2 of the application. Also attached are copies of two articles by L. B. Schwarz to be used in place of L. B. Schwartz, Multi-Level Production / Inventory Control Systems: Theory and Practice, North-Holland, Amsterdam, (1981) which was cited as general background (i.e., the articles are representative of the general background materials in the book, and putting in the entire book or extracting relevant passages from book as general background not being practical).

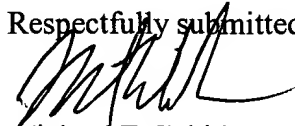
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It is believed that this response fully responds to the Examiner's request for information, and it is requested that the application now be passed to issue.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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